

Gas and Hospital Bylaws To be Voted Upon June 20th

Town Gives Gas Bylaw Two Readings, and Decides to Start Hospital on Safe Scale.

Friday, June 20th, is the date fixed by Council for the voting upon the gas and hospital by-laws.

This rather far-off date was chosen as it permits of sufficient time to forward the drafts of the by-laws to the Department of Municipal Affairs for scrutiny.

The Town's Act requires that the Minister of Municipal Affairs examine all town by-laws before they are submitted to the people. Copies have already been forwarded to Edmonton, but it is entirely within the will and whim of the Minister when he returns them, so that ample allowance of all delays was made in determining the date.

Hospital Matter is Discussed at Length

Before decision to ask for \$5000 to Erect Cottage Institution is Made.

After receiving a little light on the hospital question from Dr. G. M. Shaw, the Council Monday night decided to pass bylaw to the people calling for a \$5000 cottage hospital with accommodation for about twelve patients.

The motion was practically unanimous—Coun. Pealer who was in favor of it.

000 in putting up and equipping a hospital, running from young.

The master which had a narrow escape from being shelved at the last meeting, had been adjusted for the presence of Coun. Pealer, and he at once introduced a motion for \$50,000 for a building and equipment which was seconded by Coun. Haines.

Dr. Shaw then asked permission as a practical man to say a few words, and warned the Council that a grave mistake

would be made in plunging into such heavy expenditures for a hospital. He had made inquiries and had discovered that last year sixty-five cases had been treated up to the Calgary and Medicine Hat hospitals. Of these about fifty percent were distemper and pneumonia. The typhoid dips the hospital might be filled, but at other times it would be nearly empty. He advised a cottage hospital as the most suitable, at the present time. When the town grew this could be used as a "nursing" home and a larger institution erected. The money would not be wasted. In addition he advised turning over the management when served to a nursing association, as a nominally run institution was generally a great deal of trouble. He pointed out that it was not the building but the surgeon who drew cases to a place, and people would still go to Calgary and Medicine Hat for the more serious operations. While not disparaging the work of the present medical men in town they were both young, and had accumulated experience before they could earn a name in surgery. He quoted the case of Weyburn a town of 300 people with a solid settled district to draw from. There were two private hospitals there with accommodation for 20 people, and except in epidemic time they were not filled. If a typhoid epidemic struck town, the emergency could easily be coped with by the erection of a tent near the hospital. With a cottage hospital the doctors would furnish their own operating instruments, and the cost of equipment therefore would not be heavy. Hospitals always were more or less of a bill of expense, and he thought a big hospital like that proposed would be a white elephant at least for a couple of years.

Dr. Shaw was thanked for his information, and Coun. Haines commented that at that rate \$5000 would cover the cost of a cottage hospital. Coun. Shoop thought that with the information before them they could not do better than make the venture in the shape of a cottage hospital, and moved that a bylaw for \$5000 for the erection of a hospital be put to the people.

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Big Announcement Expected Daily

C. A. Owners In Town and Forecast Approaching Developments

That there will be some important announcement affecting the immediate development of Bassano in the near future is an opinion entertained by many in town, and borne out by several little circumstances.

Foremost among these is the fact that the C. P. R. have just completed a survey of their subdivision which it is officially announced will be placed on the market shortly.

Again, C. A. Owens, a Bassano investor from Calgary was in town this week, and he declares that he had an interview with Vice-president Bury, of the C.P.R. when that official was in Calgary, and that it was definitely stated that in about ten days some important announcement respecting Bassano would be made known.

That ten days is almost the eve of completion, and something should be heard before long.

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Town Forbids To Extend Town Limits

The Provincial government has absolutely forbidden the Town to take any more area into its limits at the present moment.

At last Monday night's meeting of the Council a letter was read from the Minister of Municipal Affairs in response to an application of the Town for permission to extend its boundaries to include some sub-divisions, prohibiting the Council from taking any further action in the matter.

The reason given was that the time was not yet opportune. The Town was relying upon this property to provide them with a largely increased assessment to help in the shoulderings of the financial burden of the installation of sewer and water. However the present assessment provides a low mill rate, and the extensions will not be rendered vitally necessary at the present moment.

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Tax Rate for the Year 1913 Will be Around Twenty Mills

Assessment just Completed Shows Twenty per cent. Increase, and Values Rising All the Time.

THE SCHOOL RATE WILL ONLY BE 2½ MILLS

The assessment of the lands for the present year just completed shows that the value of taxable property is \$1,763,555, a twenty per cent. increase over last year, while the total rate for town and school purposes is likely to figure somewhere between 18 and 20 mills.

Considering that the town has just gone upon an expensive but necessary water system with an initial cost of approximately \$15,000, and \$20,000 for the piping, and in a town of 2,121 people the total school district area is assessed at \$5,280,000, and the expenses are kept down to around \$7,000. At the outside it is estimated that the needed sewer and water system should not be more than \$10,000, and the total rate should not be more than 2½ mills.

The Gedney-Gray company are preparing to lay a sewer line from the head of the Swift Current to the town of Bassano, and would cost about \$20,000, and would account for and cover all costs.

The town expenses including the payment of principal and interest on the waterworks debentures will be around

recently sold to an English syndicate for \$600 per acre; receiving in actual cash \$192,000.

This represents an enormous increase in values, and it is only two years ago that Berkley Heights all of which owned the property, the next subdivision towards town sold for \$45 per acre.

Week's Expansion at a Glance

Council decided to submit by law for building a hospital and a gas well.

Work on model sewer and waterworks of sufficient capacity to supply a city of ten thousand, well on the way.

Provision to be made in laying out streets for future city, for subdivision on all but main thoroughfares.

This year's assessments is twenty per cent in advance of last year's on property increases alone, without the aid of extending the town limits.

Ballasting of Standard road from Bassano almost completed; Grading of Bassano Swift Current line proceeding.

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A Useful Start

We are to have a hospital. While it is no fancy high priced affair, provision has been made for a useful cottage institution which can easily be made the nucleus of a greater hospital with the expansion of town and district.

In the midst of a discussion on a motion to have a bylaw approved for \$25,000, there came enlightenment from a practical man on the subject. Dr. Shaw, who has come into personal touch in the course of his medical career with hospitals of all kinds and descriptions proffered a little advice that appealed to the generality of the Council as infinitely sensible.

As one having intimate knowledge of the subject Dr. Shaw issued a warning against the town embarking upon too ambitious a project, as they would only have a white elephant on their hands for some time to come. A cottage hospital with provision for twelve patients appealed to him as sufficient for the time being. With the expected expansion of the town a larger institution could be erected and the proposed hospital be turned into a nurses' home.

He gave expression to another splendid idea, and that is that when the hospital is completed it should be turned over to a Nursing association to conduct, as municipally run institutions were the cause of more friction than fruit.

Coun. Pehler still adheres to his original idea that the town should go into the more ambitious project but on the other hand it was believed by the Council that it was not the building, but the surgeon, who attracted the cases, and a thoroughly finished proficient practitioner highly versed in surgical operations would bring more cases to town than an elegantly appointed expensive edifice.

So that we are to expend five thousand dollars in the creation of a cottage hospital and claim the twenty thousand dollar hospital site the C. P. R. have so munificently, and magnificently donated.

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Two Steps Nearer

PROGRESS has been reported by the Council on the GAS By-law, and the date wherein the ratepayers will have opportunity to vote for or against "Advance," has been set. It wants transcribing in every one's diary, June, 20th. There are about 260 eligible voters on money by-laws in town, and the vote when recorded should read, For 250; Against Nil.

The arguments may be tame in their sameness for the proposition, but they are so important it is our bounden duty to repeat them.

IF WE WANT MANUFACTURERS we must have some form of cheap power. There is no creative genius in sight to give us a novel form of cheap power. Our only CHEAP POWER IS NATURAL GAS. It is not a speculative proposition... It has been proved, even this that the same river that underlies Redcliffe and Medicine Hat flows beneath Bassano. There isn't the element of chance that is proving so "exaggerating to the northern towns. WE KNOW IT EXISTS HERE and only a mere fluke lost us the gas when it was found at great expense on a previous occasion.

It is only a matter of drilling for Gas in order to get it. It is only a matter of choosing a competent crew of well drillers to ensure the well being sunk satisfactorily.

When the Chance Comes, Vote for Progress.

Comment.

Sibilant soothings echoes of the twilight. "Strike O-one. Ba-all two."

Considering the seasons, twenty per cent increase in the assessable property of the town during the past year was not so bad.

For an expenditure of \$500 the Council could place trees upon the principal boulevards. Why not make an early start and let them grow with the town. Delay is treasonous.

Watch the petitions pour out when the water is turned on.

The Metzger Vitalizer
Battery Co.

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